



Virginia Houssiere

September 11, 1918 - April 22, 2009

Virginia was born in Sarasota, Florida on September 11, 1918 to Farleigh and Dolph Herald. She moved to New Orleans with her brother and mother in 1939. It was in New Orleans she met Ernest Houssiere and they were married in 1941. Virginia and Ernest moved to Jennings in 1946 and opened up an appliance and hardware store which they successfully operated until 1952. Her beloved husband, Ernest, passed away in 1968. Virginia was a vital part of civic, cultural, and church activities for all of her 63 years in Jennings. She was a past president of the Woman's Literary Club, Jennings Garden Club, Altar Society, and the Entre Nous and Revelers. She also served on the board of the Zigler Museum for many years. Virginia was a life member of the Jeff Davis Parish Arts Council and the Louisiana & National Federation of Music Clubs where she was honored by the LFMC with a Biennial Study Award known as the Virginia H. Houssiere Award In Ballet. Virginia managed the Jennings Country Club for many years and was a member of the Golf Club. She was an avid football fan and continued to keep her season tickets to the Jennings High School Bulldogs and attended Friday night games up until last year. She loved life and all it had to offer. She never met a stranger. Survivors include her children, Sandra Patin and Ernest Arthur Houssiere and his wife Jane; 4 grandchildren, Sacha Patin, Kelly Lee Rutz and her husband Carson, Christian Houssiere and his wife Kristi, Genevieve James and her husband Simon; & 3 great grandchildren, Madelaine & Britain Houssiere and Harrison Rutz; and her friend & companion, James Hudson. Preceded in death by her

parents; her husband, Ernest Houssiere, Sr.; and her brother, Dolph Herald. The family would like to thank all of the many friends who have been so dear and kind to the family and also to her caregivers over the last few months, Linda Loyd, Delores Broussard, Evelyn Fontenot, and Jamesetta Barker. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Our Lady Help of Christians Catholic Church Special Music Fund or the Zigler Museum in Jennings, La.

Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Houssiere*

January 28, 2023 at 04:12 PM



“ *Sandra, Rusty & James -*

My thoughts and prayers are with each of you during this time. I pray that God will embrace you with His loving comfort through your grief.

I only learned of Virginia's passing yesterday and I offer my heartfelt condolences. So many fond and fun memories of this wonderful woman remain with me and my siblings....

*Linda Price Thomas
(Eldest daughter of Pat & Buddy Price)*

Linda Price Thomas - April 28, 2009 at 02:56 PM



“ *Ms. Virginia, quite simply, was one of the finest women I have ever known in my life. I would like to think some of the better parts of me came from knowing her all of my life. I will miss her.*

Paul Medus - April 27, 2009 at 09:52 AM

DC

“ Dear Sandra and family,

I'm so sorry for your loss...I know you'll miss her greatly.

My prayers and thoughts will be with you all.

Dale Ann

Dale Cannon - April 24, 2009 at 12:43 PM

SA

“ *May God bless and comfort you all at this time. She was indeed a lovely lady.*

Sue Archer - April 22, 2009 at 02:06 PM

SS

“ *What a grand gal! I can still see her driving around town, that beautiful red hair blowing in the breeze. I shall always treasure memories of Virginia. We send much love and special thoughts to all of you who loved and enjoyed her so dearly.*

Suzie & Dunham

Suzie Smith - April 22, 2009 at 01:43 PM

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“ Assigned to my first parish in 1964, I was not in Lake Arthur long before meeting Ernest and Virginia Houssiere. Although residents of Jennings, they frequently spent the weekend at their lakeside house. So it was not at all unusual to see them at Sunday Mass.

I grew fond of both and greatly mourned the death of Ernest at his untimely passing. I continued my friendship with Virginia; we had many of the same friends in Jeff-Davis parish. But over the last decade it was mainly at funerals of these friends in Jennings' Queen of Angels Church that we exchanged greetings and visited briefly.

My condolences to Virginia's family and friends. My next Mass will be for the repose of her soul and for her children & grandchildren. Rest in Peace!

+Jude Speyrer - April 21, 2009 at 06:44 PM

CV

“ My deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Virginia. She was a grand lady. My prayers and thoughts are with you at this time of grief.

Clarice Vuillemont - April 19, 2009 at 08:11 AM